

It is equally fair, perhaps, to judge a chain of sausages by its meanest link.

On looking the situation over, the minkado is gladder than ever that his subjects are not like the czar's.

Motor boats are now being operated on the canals of Venice. As Thomas A. Edison would say, the gondolier must go.

This country will be a paradise if Wizard Edison is successful in his experiment for the purpose of making concrete villas at a cost of \$500.

During the first quarter of this year 1,126 people were killed and 17,170 injured by the railways of the country; which also shows that we are going some.

A French automobile racer's name is Francois Stutz. If he were to sit up late every night to think of one that would express his business better, he couldn't do it.

A French anarchist who inherited 1,000,000 francs has become a convert to the sacredness of private property. It is a lucky anarchist who having inherited the disease also inherits the cure.

Laura Jean Libbey says a man's love is sure to follow his money. This season of the year a man's money is sure to follow his love, especially when she lies away to mountains or shore while he remains at home to sweat for it.

Alaska's capital has been changed, to accommodate the governor, who has rented two rooms at Juneau; so Sitka sits back and bites its nails in secret spite. Yet some day Alaska will have a storehouse with plumbing and all the modern appliances.

Mr. Andrew D. White's declaration that technical appeals in criminal cases should no longer be allowed by the courts shows reasonable enough, but, then, what would the lawyers do, poor things? Lawyers have got to live. Or, at least, they think they have.

An order issued this week to the London naval volunteers instructs them to wear beards to have them clipped torpedoes. A torpedo beard is a beard clipped to a point—a sort of stubby Vandike—and is now the official beard of the navy. Just now it is the only beard that "smart" men wear.

One of the late Mr. Sage's nieces scornfully says that some of the others are satisfied with a \$25,000 bequest "because they are afraid of losing it by contesting the will." This indirectly charging them with being short skates without sporting instincts. But it must not be forgotten that no bet is a good bet to lose.

Because of the settlement of a suit instituted more than half a century ago by the Indians of the Six Nations against the government, the assistant secretary of the treasury has just had the pleasant task of signing his name to \$627 checks. This should make the average prosperous citizen feel happy by comparison when he settles the simple little bills contracted by his family during its summer outing.

A New York paper hazards the statement that the "average young undergraduate will tell you that the grading of the college world runs at present about as follows: (1) Wealth; (2) athletics; (3) scholarship." Evidently the paper has an editorial writer who is acquainted with the wrong end of the stick. It is a "young graduate," and it takes it too much for granted that he represents a fair average. He should enlarge his acquaintance.

It is quite certain that a considerable percentage of every class in life is living beyond its means in the effort to make a display, keep up appearance and climb into the next higher class. This tendency is always exaggerated by the higher wages and larger profits in a time of prosperity and by the hope it holds out of permanent improvement of condition. Every country, says the Minneapolis Tribune, needs the tonic of panic depression now and then to take the conceit out of its people and teach them modesty, thrift and foresight.

The population of Germany, according to the enumeration of December 1, 1905, is 69,695,183. The states having the largest population are Prussia, 37,578,829; Bavaria, 6,518,534; Saxony, 5,502,526; Wurttemberg, 3,209,229; Baden, 2,609,226; Hessen, 1,210,104; and Mecklenburg-Schwerin, 624,531. Alsace-Lorraine has a population of 1,814,626. The most populous provinces in Prussia are Silesia, 4,925,523; Brandenburg, 3,529,839; Saxony, 2,778,679; Pomerania, 1,634,125; and Rhine, 1,596,567. Berlin has 2,940,222 inhabitants.

Automobiles are supposed to be bright people, and there is belief that it will yet dawn upon them that tearing by the farmer's home at a rate of 196 miles an hour, leaving a trail of crushed ducks and young chickens, is a poor way to induce him to clear up the roadways of broken glass and other annoying trash.

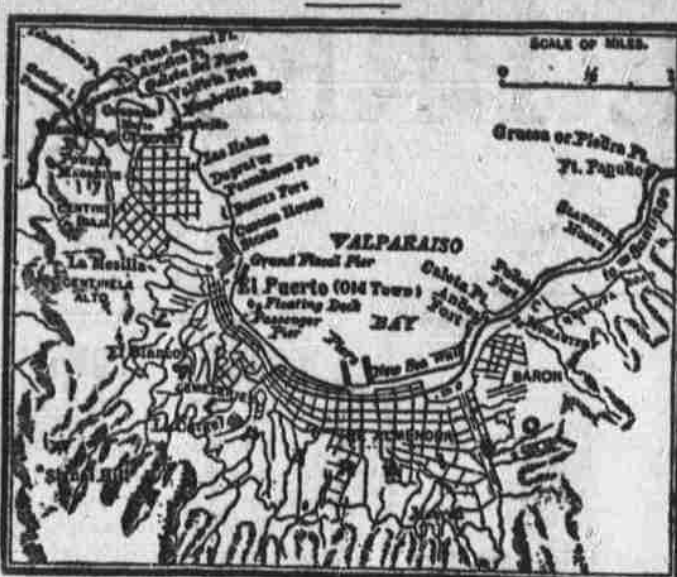
A Wisconsin court holds that ice is a necessity. The various ice combines have been working on that assumption, realizing that the people must have it at any price.

The toads under the harrow at this moment are the New Jersey candy manufacturers, who are found to have amassed great wealth by selling children brightly colored sweets, some of which were actually poisonous, while all were bad. A chemical compound in high favor with the children, known as "salt-water taffy," is found to be particularly deadly to the young stomach.

With late farmers in the country and vigilant policemen in the city the life of the automobilist never need be devoid of excitement.

An Indiana judge was attacked the other day by 39 women, who pulled his hair and scratched him, and he was discharged a woman against whom they testified. In the time coming when a course in college football will be a requisite for judicial honors?

Boasting to the authority of King Edward's physician, we beg to remark that insomnia is not the only thing caused by cold feet. They also cause nervousness from the other players.



APPEASE LAND HUNGER

CZAR'S EFFORTS TO SECURE THE SUPPORT OF PEASANTS.

A BOLD BID FOR SUPPORT

Crown Lands and Appurtenances for the Peasants, and Then Go Before the Country Upon the Issue.

St. Petersburg.—An important series of conferences are being held at Peterhof, on the question of the immediate distribution of the crown lands and appurtenances, to the peasants. In an attempt to find a partial solution of the agrarian question by measurably appeasing the land hunger of the peasantry, the government has definitely decided to proceed with the original plan outlined August 7 for settling the agrarian question regardless of parliament, and go to the country upon the issue at the coming session.

The Distribution of Land. With a fortnight an imperial ukase will be issued, directing the agrarian commission to begin the distribution of 1,500,000 desyatines (a desyatine is about 2 1/2 acres) belonging to the appurtenances, 4,000,000 desyatines belong to the crown, and 2,000,000 desyatines of land offered to or purchased through the peasants' bank. Only the forests and lands belonging to the state, the preservation of which is considered necessary for the future agricultural prosperity of the country, will be reserved.

How Financed. The transaction will be financed through the peasants' bank. Little cash will be required. The landlords and other sellers will be given marketable land, eventually redeemable by the peasant purchasers in installments designed to meet the interest and amortization. The emperor will not give up land of the imperial family as a free gift, but like other landlords he will accept script.

It is believed that no parliament will ever dare to repeal this temporary law. Nearly all the present restrictions upon the peasants as a class will also be removed. This in substance is the government's bold bid for the support of the Russian peasant millions against the propaganda of the revolutionists.

ILLINOIS G. O. P. CONVENTION.

Presidential Boom of Speaker Cannon Indorsed.

Springfield, Ill.—The ticket named below was nominated by the republicans in state convention: Treasurer of State—John F. Smulski.

Superintendent of Public Instruction—Francis G. Blair. Trustees of the State University—Mrs. Carrie S. Alexander, Mrs. H. H. Hatch, Alexander McLean, L. L. Lehman (short term).

The presidential boom of Speaker Joseph G. Cannon, for 1908, which was launched by his own congressional district, was given an enthusiastic indorsement by the convention.

Engineer and Fireman Killed. Indianapolis Ind.—Passenger train No. 25, on the Big Four railroad, running between Elkhart and Indianapolis, was derailed at Taft, 20 miles northeast of Indianapolis. Engineer Parker Dugby and fireman Harry Guy were crushed to death under their engine.

Shaw Will Speak in Tennessee. Nashville, Tenn.—Leslie M. Shaw, secretary of the treasury, will open the republican campaign in Tennessee with a speech here September 14.

Troops For the Border. Austin, Tex.—The International & Great Northern Railway Co. has received orders to hold themselves in readiness to provide a special train to carry troops south towards the border. The commanding officers state that the troops when they leave here will go to San Antonio to garrison the post there.

To Oust Express Companies. Indianapolis, Ind.—Merrill Moore, attorney, acting on the relation of Charles F. Bennett, prosecuting attorney of Marion county, and the railroad commission of the state of Indiana, has filed suits to oust three of the express companies doing business in Indianapolis—the Adams, the United States and the American.

The Steamer Manchuria. Honolulu.—The fate of the Manchuria depends largely on weather conditions. Operations are being directed to hold the vessel undamaged until Capt. Metcalf arrives from San Francisco with wrecking apparatus.

Masses Persecuted. Peoria, Kan.—The Congressman Mason Peoria of Kansas City, Kan., was nominated for congress by the democratic congressional convention of the Second district.

DISEASE EPIDEMIC FEARED

STRICKEN CHILEAN CITY IN DEPLORABLE CONDITION.

Rainstorms Follow Severe Shocks at Valparaiso and Santiago—Clearing Away Wreckage.

Valparaiso.—There were two slight earthquake shocks here Thursday night.

Rain began falling again, increasing the sufferings of thousands who are living in tents. Many sought refuge in houses whose walls are in a dangerous state of ruin.

It is believed that if the rains continue much longer a serious epidemic is sure to break out. About 10,000 workmen are employed in clearing away the ruins here and in searching for bodies of those who lost their lives during the recent earthquake and fires.

In the wreckage of a house workmen found a child alive in a barrel, which had protected it from harm. The naval school is to be reconstructed, and it is expected that the cadets will be able to resume their studies there in about two months.

The sale of articles of food is strictly supervised by the city and government officials, to prevent any abuse in the direction of the increase in prices. Merchants' prices in the act of selling food above the fixed prices are compelled to close their stores.

In order to guard the people as much as possible from suffering during the heavy rains a complete drainage system has been constructed at all the spots where the population is living in tents.

President Riesco has visited all the tented parts of the city in his efforts to do everything here to encourage the homeless people.

The commercial houses and the banks will pay their employees their full month's wages to assist them in their present hardships. The government will also pay its employees the same day.

EMOTIONAL INSANITY PLEA.

Attorneys Conclude to Make That That's Defense.

New York, N. Y.—A decision was reached by attorneys for Harry K. Thaw that Thaw's defense to the charge of killing Stanford White will be a plea of emotional insanity.

This will include as part of the defense that Thaw's insanity existed only until after White was killed, and that Thaw is now sane again, and has been since the killing.

CARNEGIE SPELLING REFORM.

It Has Been Adopted By President Roosevelt.

Oyster Bay, N. Y.—President Roosevelt has adopted the Carnegie spelling reform movement. The president has issued orders to Public Printer Stillings that hereafter all messages from the president and all other documents emanating from the white house shall be printed in accordance with the recommendations of the spelling reform committee headed by Brander Matthews, professor of English at Columbia university.

Wilson Visits Packing Plants. Omaha, Neb.—Secretary Wilson, of the department of agriculture, attended, and without disclosing his identity, drove alone in a closed carriage to the packing plants in South Omaha. After a short inspection of several of the plants, the secretary returned to this city, saying: "I don't want my identity known."

Standard and Central Indicted. Jamestown, N. Y.—The federal grand jury for the western district of New York has returned indictments against the Standard Oil Co. and the New York Central Railroad Co., charging violations of the interstate law in giving and accepting special rates in the shipment of oil.

A Quarter Million Fire. New York.—Near an entire block front of business buildings in West Fourth street, between Mercer and Green streets, were partially burned, causing damage to a dozen firms exceeding \$250,000.

Cabinet Declared Mendoza a Traitor. Bogota, Colombia.—The cabinet has declared General Mendoza, former minister to the United States, a traitor for revealing diplomatic secrets. The country approves of calling Mendoza to judgment.

Brutal Assault on a Woman. Joplin, Mo.—Mrs. Maria Wren, 63 years old, was brutally beaten by an unidentified assailant, what attacked her in her home, where she lived alone. Her screams and resistance with a stove pot frightened him away. Mrs. Wren has been removed to the home of a son to recover.

Greatest in Thirty-Four Years. Salt Lake City.—The rainfall in Utah this month, 2.22 inches, is the greatest for any August in thirty-four years.

Lines Eastward From Los Angeles. Los Angeles, Cal.—Both the Southern Pacific and Santa Fe are clear on their trans-continental lines eastward from Los Angeles, and delayed west-bound trains are arriving. The Salt Lake road is not so fortunate.

MAY END REBELLION

BANDERA, CUBAN INSURGENT CHIEF, SLAIN IN BATTLE

WAS TERRIBLY MUTILATED

Bandera's Death Believed to Mean End of the Revolt in Havana Province.

Havana.—The body of the negro, Gen. Quintin Bandera, the most daring insurgent in Havana province, who was killed in a battle, lies in the morgue at Havana flanked by those of two mulatto comrades, all truthfully gashed by the long, heavy machetes of the rural guards, who ended their career. Across the street, in Neptune park, a great crowd of mostly negro friends of Bandera are watching the morgue with silent interest.

It is believed the insurrectionary movement in western Havana has been broken by Bandera's death.

The arrival of Bandera's body here was the first news of the fight in which he met his death. The conflict occurred at the Silveira farm, near Punta Brava, 15 miles from Havana. A detachment of 38 mounted rural guards, under Capt. Ignacio del Gado and Lieut. Martinez, searched throughout the night for Bandera's party.

At 9 o'clock in the morning the guards were breaking through a wire fence at the edge of the Silveira farm, when they were suddenly fired upon by Bandera's followers, 20 in number. The guards rushed upon the insurgents, but with the exception of their chief and his two leading comrades they all escaped.

The guards made the chief and his two companions a special object of attack, and all three received several bullet wounds and were horribly mutilated by machete cuts. Not one of the guards was wounded.

Bodies Terribly Mutilated. The bodies of Bandera and his companions were placed in a wagon and taken to Havana. An examination of Bandera's body showed that his principal wound was a severe machete blow on the head, which cut off his left ear and made an ugly incision in his face. He also had bullet wounds in his arms and breast.

The condition of Bandera's two dead companions was even more shocking. Their faces and heads were terribly gashed, and they also had machete wounds in their breasts and on their arms. The clothes of all three men showed every evidence of the hard life which they had been leading while eluding their pursuers.

Gen. Gomez Enters Denial. Gen. Jose Miguel Gomez, at his formal arraignment, denied the allegation that he had engaged in conspiracy against the government.

The government expects that the steamer Mexico, which will sail from New York on Saturday, will bring 18 rapid-fire guns, 10,000,000 cartridges and 12,000 Lee rifles.

Tomas Estrada Palma, Jr., has joined the Havana city militia. The disturbed situation of the country is interfering with commerce. The transportation of merchandise by railroad has practically ceased, shippers fearing the seizure of their goods.

RECORD BREAKING RAINSTORM.

Bodies Washed Out of Graves By Downpour at Kansas City.

Kansas City, Mo.—A terrific rainstorm prevailed in Kansas City and vicinity, causing more or less serious damage.

In Kansas City 5.93 inches of water fell, a record for the time, three hours and a half.

A telephone message received from Elmwood cemetery says that several bodies were washed out of their graves by the record-breaking rainstorm.

Head of Santa Fe Speaks. Chicago.—President L. P. Ripley of the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe railroad has addressed an open letter to the people of Kansas in answer to Dr. C. Willard Hayes of the geological survey, Mexico will be the next country to be visited by a seismic disturbance, is his prediction.

Palma a Hard Worker. Havana.—President Palma has not left the palace this week. He is constantly receiving reports, holding consultations and issuing orders.

To Launch the Cuttlefish. Washington.—The submarine boat Cuttlefish will be launched at Quincy, Mass., the afternoon of Saturday, September 1.

Sent to Canada By Salvationists. Minneapolis, Minn.—Brigadier J. W. Cousins, of the local Salvation army, has issued a statement showing that 12,000 immigrants had been sent from this country to Canada during the past eight months by the Salvation Army.

Ferguson Wins in Oklahoma. Watonga, Okla.—Former Governor Ferguson will go into the second district congressional convention at Geary with 149 out of 164 delegates pledged to him as the result of the primary election.

The Doss Galbraith Trial. Springfield, Mo.—The case of Doss Galbraith, charged with participating in the lynching of three negroes in this city, was given to the jury. When the jury was last heard from, it was reported to stand 10 for acquittal and 2 for conviction.

Butt Will Appeal. Little Rock, Ark.—State Senator F. O. Butt, of Carroll county, convicted at Perryville of bribery, and sentenced to two years in the penitentiary and to pay a fine of \$200, will appeal to the supreme court.

Tidal Wave on Island of Maui. Honolulu.—A tidal wave twelve feet high swept over a portion of the west coast of the island of Maui, and caused a great deal of damage. So far as learned no lives were lost. The wharf at Port Mailea was entirely washed away.

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ANOTHER NEGRO LYNCHED

SOUTH CAROLINIANS SHOOT HIM FIVE HUNDRED TIMES.

Charged With Attempting to Enter the Window of a White Girl's Home.

Columbia, S. C.—William Spain, a negro, 31 years old, was shot to death by a mob at St. George, Dorchester county. This is the third lynching in South Carolina within ten days.

S. L. Connor, manager of the Dorchester Lumber Co.'s store at Dorchester, was notified by a negro that he saw another negro attempting to enter a window of his home, and then run away into a nearby cane patch.

Connor notified his neighbors, and about two hours later Spain was captured and locked up in jail. Shortly afterward a posse of forty of fifty men went to the jail, took the negro to the house of Connor, where his 11-year-old daughter positively identified the negro as the one who had tried to climb through the window.

The mob then took the negro to a nearby oak tree, strung him up in a limb, and fired about 500 shots into his body.

Some Terse Telegrams

Too much rain for cotton in portions of Texas. Wheat in North Dakota and Manitoba reported damaged. Call money in New York, 7 per cent, the highest in several months.

After a four days' frenzy, caused by the episode in the Harriman stocks, the New York exchange has settled down.

Announcement of dividends on Union Pacific and Southern Pacific stock causes a frenzied buying in Wall street.

The insurrection in Cuba has caused a tumble in island securities in London.

There are persistent rumors in New York money circles of early large gold imports.

Average cash balance in United States treasury, \$10,152,414; gold coin and bullion, \$11,987,854; gold certificates, \$42,381,460.

Rate Law Effective August 28. Washington.—There will be absolutely no formality of ceremony incident to the taking effect of the new rate law and the reorganization of the interstate commerce commission. The law takes effect Tuesday, August 28.

It is not certain whether there will be any members of the commission here on that day. Only one in the city now, Senator Cokerrell, and no move has been made toward having a meeting. It is explained that there is no occasion for any meeting or formality.

Pat Crowe Arrested and Released. New York, N. Y.—Pat Crowe, of Omaha, who was acquitted of the Coughlin kidnapping, and who recently came to the city, was arrested, charged with being a suspicious person. He was taken to police headquarters. The police, however, were unable to find a record of a case for which they believed he was wanted, and he was released.

Illinois Socialists. Chicago, Ill.—The following state ticket was named by the socialist party: State treasurer, W. E. McDermott; Chicago; superintendent of public instruction, Mrs. Baywood Sims; Evanston; University trustees: Mrs. Gertrude D. Hunt, Norwood park; Mrs. Corinne Brown, La Grange; Algy M. Simons, Chicago.

Negro Rises Out of His Coffin. Gonzales, Tex.—A negro named Johnson, living near here, created a commotion by coming to life while being placed in his coffin, preparatory to burial. The negro was hurt in a runaway and was believed to have been killed. He may die yet.

No Assistance From the Treasury. New York.—Those who have looked for some sort of financial relief from Wall street from the secretary of the treasury have had their hopes dashed by the announcement of the secretary that present conditions call for no government assistance.

The Continent Has Meningitis. Washington.—Meningitis is the disease affecting the backbone of the American continent, according to Dr. C. Willard Hayes of the geological survey. Mexico will be the next country to be visited by a seismic disturbance, is his prediction.

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All Over the State.

Movement For New Capital. Jefferson City—A bacon barbecue by the Commercial club at Blider's park was attended by the judges of the supreme court, Gov. Folk and other state officers. There were "picks" attractions, with speakers for such things as football, baseball, sack races, rope climbing and other physical sports. After the feast followed address by Gov. Folk, Senator Stone, State Treasurer Gmelch, Atty-Gen. Hadley and others, all pleading themselves to work for the movement for a new state capital.

A Labor Day Lid. St. Louis—Labor day will have a little lid of its own this year, according to a proclamation issued by the parade marshals. The ban has been placed upon the dispensation of any kind of intoxicating liquors from booths en route. In past years this has been a common sight. It was also a popular pastime for marchers to break ranks and dodge at frequent intervals into saloons along the line of march. There will be none of this Labor day, if the marshals adhere to their resolution.

Missouri's Only Land Office. Washington.—The general land office has received the report of the officers in charge of the local land office at Springfield, Mo., the only land office remaining in the state, for the fiscal year ended June 30 last. It shows that 1,753 entries were made, and that 101,421.87 acres of public land was disposed of. The receipts of the office were \$45,714.15.

A Farmer Kills Himself. Savannah—Ed Pearson, a well-to-do farmer about 1 1/2 miles west of Florence, a village north of here, shot himself in the left temple with a .25-caliber revolver. A note found near the body contained the dead man's wishes in reference to what he wished done for his child. Pearson is survived by a widow and child.

Postmasters to Keep Jobs. St. Louis.—Owing to a discovery that the reduction of salaries of \$3.13 per cent. is due to a shortage in the appropriation for the purpose, and will probably be corrected, branch postmasters in this city and suburbs have been induced by Postmaster Wyman to hold onto their jobs.

Slept On Track, Fatally Hurt. St. Louis.—While sleeping on the grounds beside the Washburn tracks on North Broadway, William Brennan rolled onto the rails, and a switch engine came along and cut off a leg and crushed the other limb. He died.

Folk Asks For Prisoner. Jefferson City—Gov. Folk has issued a requisition upon Gov. Deenen of Illinois for Carl Yeager, in custody in Chicago and who is charged in Kansas City with having stolen \$1,300 from Fred Eysell.

Conductor Hurt By Mail Crane. Missouri—Conductor Ed Stephens of a Missouri Pacific freight train was knocked from the train and badly hurt by a mail crane. He was taken to the hospital in St. Louis.

A Merchant Slain. Aurora—John Rucker, a merchant near here, was shot and killed two miles east of town. Henry Hoyle is in jail. He says he shot Rucker in self-defense.

Rev. Dr. Meade C. Williams Dead. St. Louis—Rev. Dr. Meade C. Williams, associate editor of the Herald and Presbyter, died at his summer home, Mackinac Island, Mich.

A Postoffice Burglarized. West Plains—The postoffice at Painesville, a small town, was burglarized. The safe was blown and \$200 taken.

Preferred Debt to Debt. Waynesville—Leaving a note to the effect that he would rather be dead than in debt, L. A. Williams, a young farmer 15 miles south of here, committed suicide by shooting himself with a rifle.

Engine Beheads Dead Mule. Glasgow—Otto Christal, a dead mule of Forest Green, was decapitated by a Wabash engine at Lewis Mill, north of here. He was 35 years old and unmarried.

Youthful Hero Saves Two. St. Louis—Robert Pettibone, a young man, saved Robert and Edward Ray, aged 7 and 9, from drowning in the River des Peres in Forest park.

Youth's Bad Fall From Hand Car. Claytonville—Melton, 15 years old, of Rosebud, was probably fatally injured here when he fell from a moving hand car.

Insures Big Corn Crop. Appleton City—A heavy rain came just in time to insure a bumper corn crop.

Confederate Veterans to Meet. St. Louis—Capt. James W. Allen, adjutant general and chief of staff of the Missouri division of United Confederate Veterans, has announced a reunion of that organization for Wednesday and Thursday, September 26 and 27, in Joplin.

To Increase Population. Springfield.—The real estate exchange has taken up the question of extending the city limits so as to increase the population to over 45,000 before the next federal census.

Phelps 379 Against Local Option. Rolla.—The county court of Phelps, in special session, in Rolla, cast up the returns of the local option election, and found that the official returns showed a majority of 379 against local option.

For Slapping a Woman. St. Louis—Peter Lorse was fined \$10 in Judge Pollard's court on complaint of Annie Klein, who said Peter tried to kiss her, and when she refused to permit the occasion he slapped her twice.

"I Am Dying," He Said. St. Louis—Trout White died suddenly of heart disease at his home, 1239 Merchant street. He got out of bed and said to his wife: "I am dying." A moment later he fell back on the bed and died.

Negrees Buy Masonic Home. Hannibal.—The negro Masons of Hannibal have purchased the Hannibal, Mo. home, as a home for indigent colored people, expending the \$5,000 recently appropriated for this purpose.

Wrecked By an Explosion. Marion, Ohio.—By the explosion of a 500-horse power boiler, the plant of the Marion Railway and Light Co. was wrecked and five employees were injured, two fatally.

HEAVY TARIFF TAX.

AMERICAN WOMEN PAY BIG TRIBUTE TO TRUSTS.

From the Pockets of the Housewife—Addition Also to High Price of Necessities.

The silk industry is not prospering, in spite of tariff duties on manufactured silk of 50 to 221.37 per cent. Raw silk is free of duty, so there is nothing in the way of free raw materials. It appears that the protected silk manufacturers have killed the goose—the great American woman goose—who has heretofore laid the golden eggs for the benefit of the silk and other protected people. The anxiety of these dear gosses of ours for the bargain counter has induced manufacturers to sacrifice quality and to adulterate the silk to meet the demand for cheapness. The lovely gosses, however, who easily bite the first time and often the second time at what is on the face of it a great bargain, have at last discovered that 49 cent silk will not wear like that they used to pay 89 cents for and therefore most of them no longer buy it.

So cheap silk naturally went out of fashion, with the result that the manufacturers of the jobs and many departmental stores are over-stocked with shoddy silk goods which the wise gosses refuse to lay down their golden eggs, or their equivalent currency for.

There will still be a lot of these cheap silk dress goods sold, but most of them are dear at any price, for they do not wear or even look as good as wool or cotton fabrics, at an equivalent price, which our dear gosses have discovered to their cost.

Now for the political side of the breakdown of a highly protected industry and the dear gosses who are skinned for bargains should carefully note the enormous tariff rates, which allow our silk manufacturers virtually to control the home market, because foreign manufacturers could not pay the tariff duties, which on the average are nearly as great as the original cost, has led to over-production and